

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Teruo MASUDA

Serial No.:

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: MOTOR

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Proctor & Knott
Hickson
1-15-02*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A motor according to Claim 1, wherein said second grooves are shallow grooves whose cross-sections each assume a shape of a squarish letter U.